

2001 and continues to work with homeless shelters and substance abuse programs in New York.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Ninth Tabernacle's 100 years of service and their selfless contributions to the residents of Brooklyn.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Ninth Tabernacle on its 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HENES PARK

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the dedication of an important landmark in my hometown of Menominee, Michigan. Henes Park serves today as an important place of respite for the citizens of Menominee and an anchor of the community where local residents can enjoy the outdoors.

In 1906, local Menominee businessman John Henes paid \$1,000 for a 43-acre wooded peninsula called Poplar Point at the north end of the city's bay shore. Mr. Henes, a German immigrant and local entrepreneur, kept his plans for a public park secret for another year until he officially offered the area to the city council for use as a park and beach.

During the early 20th century, most of Menominee's shoreline was occupied by docks, lumber piles, warehouses and homes. As such, local Menominee officials were enthused by the idea of a park along the shore.

Landscape architect Ossian Cole Simonds of Chicago was hired by the newly appointed park commission to design the park. At the time, Simonds was considered a pioneer of "natural landscaping" and his design of the park employed viewpoints, paths, and buildings to frame and highlight the natural environment. There are many walkways throughout the park, some still in use and others now overgrown. The original park design placed great emphasis on providing nature trails. Simonds' design laid out eight nature trails that were named after great names from literature like Longfellow, Byron, Shakespeare and Homer. Those eight trails still exist today.

During the summer of 1907, construction on the park began as workers started building roads and cleared rocks from the beach to provide a picnic site. One of the unique elements of the park's original design was a "bog park," a piece of low ground that was selected to hold a variety of water flowers.

After a busy summer of work on the park, formal dedication ceremonies were conducted in October of 2007. The Mayor of Menominee, Charles Spies, in accepting the park for the community, commented on how local entrepreneurs contributed to the park's construction, saying, "It is very gratifying to have among us men, who by beneficent and material acts, show that the welfare, a prosperity and beautifying of our city is one of their chief desires and in which they find their great pleasure and satisfaction."

U.S. Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan was the featured speaker at the event. He described the space as, "A park that will for-

ever be the property of every man, every woman and principally every child in this city and one where beauty, recreation and rest will be synonymous. . . ."

The Menominee community immediately embraced Henes Park, extending the city's local street car line to the park. Family outings at Henes Park became commonplace among residents of Menominee. Local organizations used the park to hold various special events. Residents of Marinette, Wisconsin, Menominee's sister-city just across the river, also took advantage of Henes Park.

The community's appreciation and love of Henes Park only grew stronger through the years. In 1932, 9 years after Mr. Henes' passing, a monument was dedicated at the park commemorating the 25th anniversary of Mr. Henes donating the park to the city.

Today's Henes Park offers a swimming beach with lifeguards, a playground, picnic spots, and fine views across the bay to Door County. Behind one of the park's pavilions is a pond with lily pads, fish, and frogs. While the park has evolved since its design 100 years ago, the overall aesthetics of the original plan remain, allowing citizens to enjoy the outdoors and local environment without disturbing the natural layout of the area.

Madam Speaker, as a resident of Menominee, I am personally very fond of Henes Park. My wife, Laurie, and I regularly take long walks there and the park is home to some of our fondest memories.

Henes Park provides an anchor for the local community, a place for children and young people to play and an opportunity for local citizens of all ages to convene with nature. Perhaps most importantly, 100 years since its founding, the park remains as Senator Smith described it, the property of every man, woman and child of Menominee and a place where beauty, rest and recreation meet.

On Sunday, September 9, 2007, the citizens of Menominee will come together to show their appreciation for Henes Park and to pay tribute to John Henes for his contribution 100 years ago. On this tremendous occasion, I would ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring this park and all those who helped to design it, build it and maintain it for future generations.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PAUL E. GILLMOR, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late PAUL GILLMOR. PAUL was a gentle, compassionate man who will be missed by all of us in Congress, as well as by those in his district. Our hearts go out to Karen and his children during this difficult time.

I'm an Ohio native and before redistricting, PAUL represented my family members in Ohio.

His wife Karen served on the Heidelberg College Board of Trustees with me, and I

know all the Heidelberg family also mourns his passing. He was an ardent supporter of the college.

Please keep his family in your prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Ms. CARSON. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, August 4, 2007, I was unable to vote on roll No. 824, 825, 826 and 833. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on roll No. 825, 826 and 833. I would have voted "no" on roll No. 824.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRUCE WOODBURY

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Bruce Woodbury.

Bruce Woodbury, a native of Las Vegas, graduated from Las Vegas High School and attended the University of Utah, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He then attended Stanford School of Law, where he earned his J.D. and was a member of the Board of Editors of the Stanford Law Review. Bruce was appointed in 1981 to Clark County Commission District A, and was subsequently elected to his first full term the following year. He has been re-elected every four years since, and has served as the commission chairman twice.

Bruce is being honored as the 2007 Education Hero Award Recipient from the Public Education Foundation of Clark County for his dedicated work for our community. As a Clark County Commissioner, Bruce serves on the Las Vegas Valley Water District Board of Directors, the University Medical Center Board of Trustees, the Clark County Liquor and Gaming Licensing Board, the Clark County Water Reclamation District, the Henderson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Las Vegas Springs Preserve, and the Las Vegas Centennial Celebration Executive Committee. In addition to his public service, Bruce currently serves as the Chairman of the Regional Transportation Commission, Chairman of the Big Bend Water District Board of Trustees, Vice Chairman of the Kyle Canyon Water District, and is a member of the Regional Flood Control District.

Bruce is a distinguished public servant who has tirelessly served our community. His efforts have helped make Clark County a better place to live. Bruce has been recognized by many as a pillar of the community and received numerous accolades for his leadership in the community. He truly represents everything that is good about public service.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Commissioner Bruce Woodbury. I would like to personally thank him for his dedicated service to our community, as well as his continued friendship and support. I certainly wish him the